(b) whether the Central Government have given any directions to the State Government to control the situation ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) There were law and order incidents in Srinagar and some other parts of Jammu & Kashmir from 14th August, 1988 onwards. Maintenance of law and order is a State subject and the question of issuing any directions by the Central Government in this regard does not arise. However, at the request of the State Government additional para-military forces were made available to the State Government for deployment.

Training in Fire Arms for Income Tax Officers

*418. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI KAPIL VERMA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Direct Taxes has decided to give training to Income-tax Officers in the use of fire-arms; if so, what are the details of the scheme;

(b) whether the approval of the Home Ministry has been obtained to enable the Income-tax officials to carry fire-arms as part of their duty ; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) to (c) A recommendation to this effect was made by the Conference of Commissioners of Income-tax held in June, 1987 and the proposal is under consideration of Government.

Effect of construction of a dam near Pooyamkutty river on forests and environment

*419. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 13th July, 1988 to the effect that the proposed Dam near Pooyamkutty river in Kerala is designed to destroy some of the finest breeding grounds of Asian elephants; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps are being taken to save the forests and environment ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This proposal is yet to be processed for clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as the necessary information including the preventive and mitigative measures for protection of wildlife has not so far been received from the project authorities.

Ploughing back of profits for modernisation and expansion of jute mills

*420. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMY :
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any information as to how many jute mills are ploughing back their profits into the industry for modernisation and expansion; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) Most of the jute mills are carrying accumulated losses. In 10 out of the 11 cases sanctioned loan under the Jute Modernisation Fund Scheme by Financial Institutions the promoters' contribution for financing the cost of modernisation is proposed